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- On 6 August 1953, the commanding officer of a KVP unit arrived at the administrative building of Industriewerk Ludwigsfelde in BMW sedan driven by an NCO with a red ribbon around his cap. The KVP officer told Director Fester (fnu) that he wanted to rent the workshops of the plant for the KVP.
- A unit of 75 KVPs, most of whom wore red collar patches and red cap bands, and one field kitchen arrived on four trucks at the plant on the morning of 7 August. The KVPs who were equipped with carbines and submachine guns were quartered in production shop No. 3.
- The plant administration failed to inform the party organization as well as the workers about the arrival of the KVP and, upon signs of alarm among the workers, plant director Fester addressed leading personalities in key positions. He explained that, due to the change of the production plan, several workshops would be vacant and that they had therefore decided to rent to the KVP workshops No 3, 4 and 5, as well as main buildings No 1 and 2 as winter quarters.
- Preparatory work by an advance party was started on 12 August. It was said that about 1,000 men would be quartered in the plant.

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Comment: Previous information indicated that the billeting office in Potsdam lists Ludwigsfelde as a summer camp. The fact that three lavatories, each for 500 men, are planned to be built, indicates that about 1,500 men will be quartered there.

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